on it, which has since been received and the same is being examined.

Creation of Union Territory for Chakmas in Mizoram

1865. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 14th February, 1992 from Chakma Jatiya Parishad, Mizoram for creation of a Union Territory for the Chakmas residing in Mizoram; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been examined in consultation with the State Government of Mizoram, which is of the view that this demand is not justified as the Chakmas of Mizoram already have an Autonomous District Council.

Settlement of Problems of Migrants from East Bengal

1866. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's reply to the recommendation No. 11 (Para 1.75) in the 70th report of the Estimates Committee (1988-89) of eighth Lok Sabha regarding communication gap between migrants and rehabilitation authorities, was not acceptable to the committee and their original recommendation has been reiterated by advising Government to have some institutional arrangements for representation of migrants from East Bengal for settlement of their continuing problems; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government so far in the matter since the presentation of the Action Taken Report (No. 4) of the Estimates Committee of the Ninth Lok Sabha in August, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As advised by the Estimates Committee, the Government reconsidered the matter and informed the Lok Sabha Secretariat on 24-1-1991 that it was not considered necessary at this late stage to have separate institutional arrangements for attending to the grievances, if any, of the migrant settlers because the rehabilitation projects which were set up in various States had been transferred to the respective State Governments and integrated with the normal district administrations. The migrants are, therefore, deemed to have merged with the national mainstream. Still, if the individual migrant has any grievance against the local officers, he is free to represent to the higher authorities at the district level, state level and even to the Government of India.

Torture of Undertrials

1867. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that torture of under trials in police custody has become a daily routine in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of deaths in police custody is increasing year by year with few convictions of the persons involved;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to amend rules and regulations responsible for this and also in view of the various judgements given by law courts in this regard; and